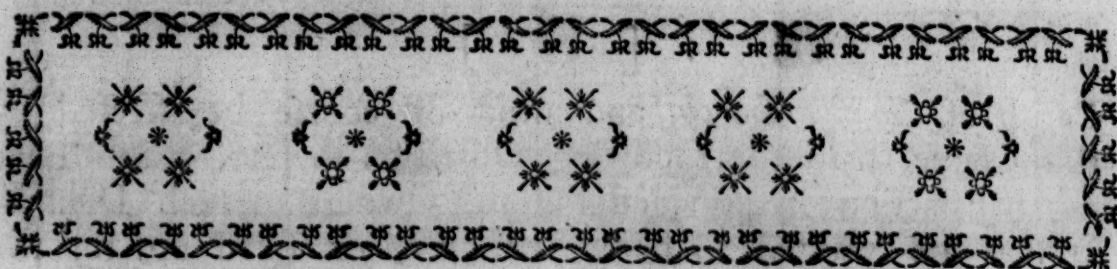


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FROM THE

South End of *Black-Friars Bridge*.

THERE is a Clause, Folio 2, which impowers the City to arch over or fill up all Ditches, Water-courses, Sewers, Ponds and Pools, which lie in or near the new intended Roads.

Mr. *Baron*, as Owner of a Tide Mill, called *Pudding Mill*, to which there are many Ditches, Water-courses, Sewers, Ponds and Pools belonging, which are filled with Water taken in from the River of *Thames* at such Mill every Tide, for the Purpose of Working the same, particularly one large Ditch, called *Pudding Mill Stream*, which encompasseth the whole Parish

Parish of *Christ Church*, and must of course be affected by this Clause, hath the following Objection thereto, *viz.* That no Satisfaction is provided for the Owners of such Ditches, &c. as are wanted to be arched over, or filled up, for the public Purposes of this Act: Nor is there sufficient Care taken for the Preservation of the Property of such Owners from Annoyances by such Innovation.

By another Clause, Folio 3, the City is impowered to purchase such Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments as they shall think fit for the Purposes of the Act.

And by another Clause, Folio 12, after reciting, "That by Reason of such Purchases the City might happen to be possessed of some Piece or Pieces of Ground more than might be necessary for the Purpose of the Act," Power is given for letting or selling the same.—And by the next Clause, after reciting, "That it may be proper to build Houses on Part of the Streets or Ways," Power is given to the City to grant Licenses to the Owners of Houses fronting any Street, Way, or Passage to be arched or filled as aforesaid, to inclose so much Ground in the Front of such Houses as they Judge proper to be built upon.

To these Three Clauses the Land Owners of *Christ Church* Parish object, That the Power for purchasing is too unlimited, and ought to be confined to a certain Number of Feet, and to be used as a Road only, and the rather as from the Two Clauses mentioned in Folio 12, it is plain more Land is intended to be bought than is necessary for the Roads, and that the City is to be benefited by the Remainder, and not the Publick.—Besides, these Clauses seem to be copied from the Act passed last Year for compleating the Avenues to the Bridge, on the *London* Side, where the City might perhaps have a better Pretence under their Ancient Rights for obtaining such Powers, than could with Propriety be annexed to any new Acquisitions for Roads in *Surry*.

And by another Clause, Folio 18, It is Enacted, That no Building shall be erected by any Proprietor or Occupier of Lands within Feet of the said Road.

In respect to which, the Owners of the Land think it a great Hardship, after Part of their Land is taken away from them, to be abridged in the free Enjoyment and Use of what
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is left, or any Part thereof; especially as by the same Bill, viz. in the Clause, Folio 12, Power is given to the City of Building even in the Streets themselves, if 'tis thought fit.— Besides, every Subject by the Law of the Land hath the full and free Dominion and Power over his own Freehold Property, and may use and enjoy it in such Manner as he shall think fit, so as he doth not annoy his Neighbours thereby.— And the Owners of Land in *Christ Church* hope they shall not be put into a worse Condition in that respect by this Act, than they were before the making thereof, or then the rest of his Majesty's Subjects will enjoy.—

The Land Owners will still labour under greater Hardships with respect to the strait Road, because the Land the Road will go through chiefly consists of Tenter Grounds, which will by the Road be rendered totally unfit for that Purpose, on account of the Dust and Dirt.—Wherefore the Owners hope they shall not be restrained from making themselves some Amends in their Estates by building thereon: And the Parish of *Christ Church* will be most sensibly affected by the Prohibition, by Reason of their extreme Poverty, and Smallness of the Parish, which contains only Seventy-two Acres and Six square Poles.

In respect to which the Owners of the Land think it a great Hardship, after that their Land is taken away from them, to be obliged in the free Enjoyment and Use of what

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